





HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Maribeth Schmitt.

Whereas, Dr. Maribeth Schmitt is the president of the Reading Recovery Council of North America, an 11,000 member organization of professional educators;

Whereas, She started the Purdue University Reading Recovery Training Center, which has provided expert professional service to nearly 40,000 struggling first graders in Indiana since 1993;

Whereas, She directs the Purdue Literacy Network Project that has resulted in exemplary teacher professional development for approximately 2,000 teachers in Indiana;

Whereas, She was awarded the Celebrate Literacy Award from the Indiana Reading Council, an affiliate of the International Reading Association, for her outstanding contributions to the literacy of Indiana's children;

Whereas, She earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in education from Purdue University;

Whereas, She has been a professor of literacy and language education at Purdue University for ten years after teaching at DePauw University for five years;

Whereas, Professor Schmitt has served as the editor of an international literacy journal and is the author of numerous publications regarding literacy teaching and learning



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research that have been published in international journals and received a national research award;

Whereas, She is a renowned speaker at national and international conferences to both teach and inspire participants to believe in the success of all children as learners;

Whereas, Dr. Schmitt has conducted advocacy efforts in the United States Congress in Washington on behalf of Reading Recovery professionals nationwide; and

Whereas, She led the effort to ensure legislative funding for early intervention literacy programs in Indiana that has resulted in millions of dollars being spent on children's literacy development: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

l	SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express
2	its gratitude to Dr. Maribeth Schmitt for the many contributions she has
3	made to the educational system of Indiana.
1	SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5	Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Maribeth
6	Schmitt.

